

Life Group Questions

Real Freedom

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1 John 3
Pastor Jay Childs

GETTING TO KNOW ME

- What do you really like about our Life Group so far?
- What is one of the most difficult trials you've had this past year? Why?
- Have you ever been addicted to something? Are you willing to share about it?
- What is a Bible passage that always gives you hope? Have you memorized it?

INTO THE BIBLE

- Read 1 John 3:1-10 out loud. What does it mean that we are no longer slaves to sin?
- Read 1 John 3:11-24 out loud. What does it mean that we are no longer slaves to self?
- What are the three (3) tests John gives us so we can have assurance of salvation?
- Read Romans 6:1-14. What does Paul say about a Christian's relationship to sin here?
 - > Discuss Paul's phrase in vs 6 "The old self was crucified."
 - > Is Paul arguing a Christian can become perfect in this life? Why/why not?
 - > What does it mean that sin is no longer our master?
- Read Romans 6:15-23
 - > Discuss how Paul contrasts being slaves to sin and slaves to righteousness.
 - > If we are slaves to righteousness, why do we still sin? Discuss.
- Read John 8:31-41. What does Jesus say about sin and slavery here? Who is the slave? Why?
- Describe someone you know (confidentially) who had been a slave to sin?
- What does it mean to be released from the "controlling power of sin?"
- Discuss St. Augustine's quote "An unbeliever is not able not to sin." What does this mean?
- Read Ecclesiastes 2. Describe Solomon's bondage here? Why do so many travel this road?
 - > Why do wealth and status so often enslave?
- Discuss parallels between actual slavery and spiritual slavery.
- So. . .outside of Christ do we have a free will or a fallen will? Discuss and cite Scripture.

APPLICATION

- Why does the world portray Christians as anything but free? Examples?
- What is something you would like to be free from?
- What are some steps you can take—now?
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